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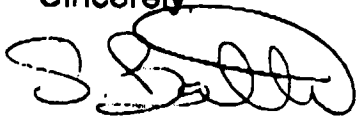
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This letter is to go on record as being a staunch supporter of the settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. For over three years the two sides fought back and forth, and wasted valuable time and taxpayer dollars. Now that an agreement has been reached, I hope that the American IT industry and the economy will perform better.

The settlement paves the way for a stronger IT industry and economy. Microsoft has played a big part in that. They have agreed to turn over internal interface data and source code to their Windows operating system to their competitors. This will allow for increased competition between companies. It will also provide the necessary compatibility between competing software, which will help spur the industry.

This settlement is a great deal for everyone involved. I hope that it will bring an end to further litigation against Microsoft. I support the settlement. It is in the best interests of the industry and the economy.

Sincerely,



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